RE: Amateur Radio

I urge the FCC to preserve the amateur radio service and its currently allotted spectrum. Amateur radio is a valuable asset to the American public: It promotes education of the next generation of engineers and scientists, fosters experimentation and discovery in emerging fields of communication such as digital and satellite, and, most importantly, provides vital emergency communications services during natural disasters, such as the use of the Mt. Mitchell repeater to reach hundreds with rescue services after Hurricane Helene when other forms of communication were not working.

In addition, the current amateur radio services, as provided for and approved by the FCC, are administratively relatively inexpensive: Amateurs provide the examining staff for testing and most licensing services are accessed online. Please do not "delete, delete, delete" amateur radio. While cutting costs is a reasonable goal, "deleting" or reducing amateur radio services would be a poor choice for the health and safety of the American public.

Thank you. Mitch Miglis